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Hazard Mitigation Assistance Funds Available for FY 2012 Time Sensitive - Respond by August 12, 2011

The combined grant application period for **Fiscal Year (FY) 2012 Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM), Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA), Repetitive Flood Claims (RFC), and Severe Repetitive Loss (SRL) Programs** is now open. For extensive program details please review FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) Program Guidance document available at <http://www.fema.gov/library/viewRecord.do?id=4225>.

PURPOSE:

Hazard mitigation activities are intended to reduce or eliminate future property damages and/or loss of life from natural hazards such as floods, tornadoes, and storms. The HMA programs provide funds for hazard mitigation planning activities and implementation of mitigation projects. Each of the programs under the HMA umbrella is distinct and has separate eligibility criteria and program rules. However, because each of the programs also has some common characteristics with the others, the federal guidance document and application periods are combined. Most grants are funded with 75 percent federal share and 25 percent local match, but cost sharing requirements vary by program.

Some examples of eligible mitigation project activities include: development of a community all-hazards mitigation plan (or update of an existing hazard mitigation plan); voluntary acquisition or elevation of flood prone structures; construction of safe rooms (for protection from severe winds); retrofit of structures for wind protection; protective measures for utility infrastructure; storm water management projects that reduce flood risk; and vegetation management for dune restoration or wildfire prevention.

Project eligibility varies by grant program so please refer to program specific sections of the guidance for the unique requirements of each. For all programs, it must be demonstrated that a project is cost beneficial for it to be considered eligible; the anticipated costs savings from avoided future damages must outweigh the cost of implementing the project.

ELIGIBILITY:

Eligible subapplicants for HMA programs include: state agencies including state institutions (e.g., state hospital); federally-recognized Indian tribal governments; local governments; and public colleges and universities. Applicant eligibility varies by program so please refer to the HMA Program Guidance for specific program requirements. ***Note** – for some HMA programs, subapplicants must have a FEMA-approved hazard mitigation plan to apply for project grants.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

In order to be considered for HMA funding, you must submit a Notice of Intent (NOI) to the Michigan State Police, Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division (MSP/EMHSD). To receive the NOI form, please contact Joel Pepper at (517) 336-2039 or Matt Schnepf at (517) 336-2040. The MSP/EMHSD will review the NOIs to determine if the activities described are eligible for grant funding. If so, you will be invited to complete a grant application through FEMA's eGrants system.

DEADLINES:

- **NOIs must be submitted to the MSP/EMHSD by no later than August 12, 2011.**
- eGrants applications (initial draft) are due to the MSP/EMHSD for review by October 14, 2011.
- After review and revision, eGrants applications are due to FEMA by December 2, 2011.

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DO NOT DELAY – NOIs will be evaluated on an ongoing basis so the sooner you submit the completed NOI form, the more time you will have to develop your application.

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